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SUBJECT: REACTION TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE'S SFRC APPEARANCE

REF: ATHENS 6532

1. IN KEEPING WITH AMBASSADOR KUBISCH'S RECOMMENDATIONS
(ATHENS 6565 AND PREVIOUS) DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AGAINST
UTILIZING VOA INTERVIEW OR SCHAUFLE-FINER INTERVIEW AS
VEHICLE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON COMMENTS MADE BEFORE
THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. SCHAUFLE-FINER
INTERVIEW HAD ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED BEFORE CURRENT TEMPEST
AROSE, AND ALL CONCERNED FELT IT WAS BETTER TO PROCEED
WITH INTERVIEW RATHER THAN TO CANCEL IT ENTIRELY.

2. FINER INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE JULY 14 AND WAS ENTIRELY
UNEVENTFUL. IT DID NOT TOUCH UPON NOR WAS MENTION MADE
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OF SCHAUFLE'S STATEMENTS MADE DURING CONFIRMATION HEARING.
FINER DEVOTED INTERVIEW TO DEVELOPING A "PERSONALITY PRO-
FILE" WHICH HE INTENDED TO USE AT SOME UNSPECIFIED LATER
DATE.

3. TOWARD END OF CONVERSATION, FINER AND SCHAUFLE DID
DISCUSS IN VERY GENERAL TERMS THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN

MEDITERRANEAN, BUT FINER MONOPOLIZED MUCH OF THE TALK BY

RECITING TO SCHAUFELLE THE ATTITUDES HE WOULD DISCOVER IN GREECE RELATING TO ALLEGED US ACTIONS VIS-A-VIS THE MILITARY JUNTA AND THE FAILURE OF THE US TO PREVENT A CYPRUS INVASION.

4. FINER GAVE A VERY PESSIMISTIC PROGNOSIS FOR THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND SCHAUFELLE, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING IT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE, TOLD FINER THAT HE DID NOT SHARE HIS PESSIMISM. SCHAUFELLE STATED HE BELIEVED PROGRESS COULD BE MADE AND THAT IT WAS HIS HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES WOULD DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO AN EARLY SETTLEMENT.

5. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HANDLING SITUATION MADE BY AMBASSADOR KUBISCH IN ATHENS 6565. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE UNDER STUDY, AND WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL. VANCE

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